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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Fehring *et al.* Confirmation No.: 7387  
Appl. No.: 09/660,948 Group No.: 1742  
Filed: September 13, 2000 Examiner: A. Wessman  
For: ENHANCED BIOCOMPATIBLE IMPLANTS AND ALLOYS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

September 11, 2002

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to extend the pendency of this case to September 15, 2002 in order to file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

2. Applicant is  a small entity;  other than a small entity.

3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)):

Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other Than Small Entity	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months*	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

\*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory  
limit for response to an Official Action.

Fee Enclosed \$110.00

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any additional  
extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

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